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residents through direct services at
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TO: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D. *Mitchell Katz*
Director

SUBJECT: **HOUSING FOR HEALTH GRANT AWARD**

This is to inform you that on September 18, 2015 the Weingart Foundation made a \$1.5 million grant to provide move-in assistance to homeless patients served by the Department of Health Services (DHS). This grant will support the Housing for Health (HFH) division during a critical expansion period by providing the funding for necessary one-time expenses related to transitioning patients from homelessness to housing. Funding will be used for security deposits, furniture, and household goods, items that act as the linchpin in the work to end homelessness. For the 750 DHS patients served by these funds, moving into a home with furniture and household goods will support a healthier transition to housing stability and retention.

Move-in funds will serve HFH participants who will be housed using any one of the HFH rental subsidy vouchers which include Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool vouchers, Section 8 vouchers, and Shelter Plus Care vouchers. Patients are placed all over Los Angeles County in a wide array of community based housing options, predominantly in scattered site apartments and project based permanent supportive housing units.

Move-in assistance funds support:

1. Housing application fees, security deposit, and utility arrears
2. Furniture (bed, sofa, table and chairs) and household goods (bedding, dining, kitchen sets and the like)
3. Specialized equipment and supplies necessary for the patient to live in the community such as durable medical equipment, adaptive devices, unit accessibility modifications and such
4. Purchase of documents needed to establish benefits and housing including but not limited to California Identification cards, birth certificates, passports and other pertinent documents

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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